

We are a triune (consisting of or being three in one) being. One part of our being affects the others. The most important part of our being is our spirit. We are never defeated, unless we are first defeated in our spirit. We are never sick unless we are first sick in our spirit.

The life of God has been deposited in our spirit; this life must be activated or moving in us for us to be aware of it. Our spirit is the part of us that contacts God. When our spirit is right it is communing or fellowshiping with God, it is drawing upon the provision of Jesus Christ. When our spirit is right it is being strengthened with might by the Holy Spirit in the inner man.

When God joined Himself to us, He joined Himself to our spirit. The result of this union as our spirit abides in His Spirit is the fruit of the Spirit (the divine nature or the attributes of God). Faith is resident in our spirit; it is a product of our spirit and not our intellect. Revelation knowledge gives us the ground (foundation, reason, and basis) of our faith, but our faith is a result of our spirit fellowshiping with God's Spirit. The reason our faith is not working is because our spirit is not communing with God.

Joy is something that emanates (to come from or come out of, to emit, send out, or give out) from our spirit. We are joyful because we are in right relation with the Spirit of God. Happiness has to do with what is happening in our life, it has to do with our circumstances. If we cannot keep our spirit in tune with God, negative circumstances will wipe us out. But if our spirit is communing (to experience a deep emotional or spiritual relationship with) with God, nothing can steal our joy.

The fruit of the spirit is the result of a right spiritual condition. These are all products (result, something that is made or created) of our spiritual life. *Gal 5: ²²But the fruit* (that which originates or comes

from something, an effect, result) *of the Spirit is love* (affection, good will, benevolence, seeing the need and meeting it), *joy* (gladness, the cause or occasion of joy), *peace* (harmony, security, safety, prosperity, tranquility) *longsuffering*, (a self restraint of the mind before it gives room to passion or action) *gentleness* (it is a grace which persuades the whole nature, mellowing all which would be harsh and austere) *goodness* (character energized expressing active good)), *faith* (conviction of the truth, the Lord opening our eyes to see, the God given ability to trust his word, which results in his faithfulness operating in our lives)²³ *Meekness* (it is a fruit of power, it is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest, it is not occupied with self at all, submissive of injury with patience-without resentment), *temperance* (self-control -the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, his sensual appetites, moderation in action, thought, feeling)

As we learn to locate and become aware of our spirit, we have found the key to rising above anything that would hinder or come against our experiencing God's fullness and blessings for our life. Once we become aware of our spirit and its condition, then we can control our spirit through our will. Then we can bring our body under subjection, because if we don't it will affect our spirit and defile it (hinder its proper function because of its awareness of sin in the soul) and weaken it.

When one part of our being is defiled or sick, it affects the rest of our being. There are three kinds of sickness, sickness in our body, sickness in our soul, and sickness in our spirit. The basic (most important or essential) sickness is spirit sickness. If our spirit never gets healed, the rest of us will never get healed.

Once our spirit gets healed and restored to wholeness, our soul will become renewed, and our body will enter into divine health. Our

body will respond or be influenced by the condition of our spirit. The strength of our spirit affects our body.

The whole problem is centered in the condition of a person's spirit. We are not defeated first in our mind or body, but in our spirit. We are defeated only when we are defeated in our spirit. Our body will get tired the moment our spirit loses its proper condition. As long as our spirit is strong that strength will flow into our body. Our spirit has to be continually renewed; it is like a generator in which the life of God flows out of. Our body does need rest, but Jesus would stay up all night praying and then minister in the morning. We are to control our body, not allow it to control us.

If we fall into sin, then our spirit definitely needs to be renewed. David said renew a right spirit in me and restore to me the joy of your salvation. But we cannot be defeated unless we are defeated first in our spirit. The time when kings were to go out to battle, David's spirit was not strong ready to do warfare, but was weak so he decided to go up on the roof where he saw a naked woman and lust entered his heart because his spirit was not strong; it was not right with God. It is only when our spirit is right that we can resist temptation, we do not enter into it when it stands at the door and knocks.

When we give into sin, then the spirit that has been defeated conquered and whipped has to be renewed. If we lived under the age of the law, if we committed adultery then the rest of the congregation would be required to stone us. We live in an age of grace (the dispensing of the grace of God) so that the veil has been removed, the door of the temple of God is open to us-by the grace of God we can come boldly into the holy of holies even though we feel unclean. And in the presence of God His Spirit will minister to us causing our spirit to be broken. We will weep in the presence of God because his love for us has not changed even though we have done wickedness in His sight,

and in time our spirit will be renewed and strengthened and we will flow in the Power of God because we no longer touch the unclean thing.

When we have a triumphant, conquering, victorious spirit it radiates the glory of God and affects the atmosphere. Out of our spirit flows the life of God. Our spirit ministers to others, it teaches transgressors the ways of the Lord, and strengthens the spirits of other believers; it heals the spirits of other believers if their spirits have been sick.

When our spirit is right with God we can feel the power of God in it, and we are able to bring every other part of our being into subjection to it. It is as our spirit is in contact with the Holy Spirit that we can feel the power of God flow through it. There is Authority in our voice, and all the fruits of the Spirit are released in our words.

In the ministry of the Spirit, our spirit receives health and strength from the Lord and we communicate it to others and if their spirit is open they will make contact with the Lord. Our spirit reaches out and makes contact with the Lord and then we release the Spirit of God in our words to minister healing to the other person's spirit. The activation of our spirit is like flipping a switch to turn on electricity. Because God lives in our spirit all we have to do is purpose to speak in the spirit and we will activate the life of God in us.

If we are full of defeat it is because our spirit has broken connection with the Spirit of God. Our spirit is like the clamp that connects to the post of a battery in a car. If there is corrosion around our spirit our spirit will not connect to the Spirit of the Lord. Corroding cares of this world get in around our spirit life covering us and breaks our connection with the Lord. When our soul is clouded then our spirit cannot break through where we are living the ascended life.

The first real healing that we need is the healing of our spirit, getting our spirit properly adjusted to the Lord. The spirit is the part of us that contacts, or connects to the Lord. If our spirit is not connecting to the Lord, then his life is not flowing in our heart. If our spirit has lost its proper condition or is out of harmony with the Lord, then our faith will not work. We will lose the joy of the Lord, and depression will enter in.

We have to learn how to feed our spirit by worshiping God, praying in the spirit, meditating upon His word, waiting on the Lord. These are means of communicating with the Lord. Our spirit life is fruitful and built up and enriched by our communing with the lord. When our spirit is strong and victorious then a faith will issue forth from it that is creative. It is only through our intimacy with God that our faith will work. Faith works by love and this love is an intimacy with the Father. We cannot lose our faith until we have broken our fellowship.

Once we learn how to maintain a right spirit and keep it strong where the life and power of God are flowing out of it then we have to deal with our soul and body. We need to realize the relation our body has to our spiritual life. We have to keep our body under or it will disqualify us from ministering to others. Paul said he beat his body and brought it under subjection.

If we allow our body to gain ascendancy over our spirit we will lose out spiritually. If we learn how to keep our body under then our spirit will take the ascendancy and the life and power of God will be manifested in us (be evident, clearly seen by others) .

The things we put in our body affect our spirit. All drugs affect our spirit. It is only when we are filled with the Spirit that we can see how alcohol or another drug quenches the spirit (to suppress a feeling

completely, especially enthusiasm or desire. To put out the fire or the light of the spirit) and does not enhance it (To improve or add to the strength, worth, beauty, or quality of our spirit, to increase the clarity of our spirit).

When a believer becomes intoxicated and starts talking about the Lord. We can see that his spirit is active but it is also being influenced by the drug that is in the body. We can be deceived into thinking that this a good way of getting revelation. But when we are truly filled with the Spirit and we put a drug in our body we will regret it.

When a believer is seeking something from the Lord, they will go on a fast not eat a lot of food. The wrong kind of food will affect our spirit. Any type of addiction affects our spirit. The lusts of the flesh affect our spirit. If we feed our flesh our spirit will suffer. Our spirit desires one thing and our flesh another and they are contrary to one another. As we feed our spirit it will get stronger, but if we feed our flesh our spirit will get weaker.

All sin affects our spirit, especially sexual sin. When we sin, we damage the condition of our spirit and it takes time for our spirit to be renewed. The mercies of God are new every morning, so we do not have to live in the past. What matters is the condition of our spirit right now. If we learn how to keep a right spirit we never need fall again.

We need to maintain our spiritual condition; we need to stay fresh in our spirit life. When we lose our desire to read the word and worship God and pray we have lost our spiritual condition. Our spirit has been weakened to the point where it is no longer functioning. When we have lost our appetite for the things of the Spirit we are backslidden in our spirit, our spirit is in a state of death and has to be awakened.

We can trace the downfall of every preacher (well known or not) to the failure to maintain the proper spiritual condition. They failed to maintain a right spirit, at one time they were on fire for the Lord, but the fire went out and they are no longer spiritually affective. A minister does not even have to fall into sin; they can live a clean moral life. All that is necessary to become a church that is spiritually dead is to lose the connection our spirit is to have with the Spirit of God.

As we learn how to keep a right spirit, then we can walk in the spirit. We walk in the fullness of the life and fellowship of our spirit with His Spirit. When our spirit is right, fresh new experiences come to us all the time. We begin to walk in the realm of miracles and creative faith, we begin to learn how to heal the sick and this all comes by learning how to maintain our spiritual condition.

Healing is basically a spiritual thing. The power that heals the sick is a spiritual power that comes out of heaven. Every good and perfect gift of God comes down from above. The power of God that heals the sick comes down from God into our spirit, out through our hands into the body of those we lay hands on. When we learn how to activate our spirit and keep it strong where we are having the right kind of fellowship with God we will also have the power of God. The reason we have no power is because our spirit is not right. Most Christians are not even aware of their spirit so they will never walk in signs and wonders.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us we receive power. The power of God comes down upon us out of heaven into our spirit then out through our soul and body to the people. It is manifested in our voice and we can feel it in our hands when we lay them on sick people. The key to this is in our spirit interlocking with Gods Spirit where nothing can break the connection.

It doesn't take much to break the connection of our spirit with His Spirit. There are two spirits in our body, our spirit and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit wants to dominate our spirit. In order for this to happen we have to abstain from everything unclean, and keep a right spirit. Then we must keep our soul subservient to our spirit and our body under the control of our soul. Our soul is the middle part of us, the switch board so to speak which decides whether our spirit or our body shall take ascendancy.

If we learn how to maintain the right spiritual condition, it is only a matter of time before we will be walking in the greater works, the exploits, the manifestation of the sons of God in the earth that shall loose all creation from futility.